

DIRECTIONS FOR HOW TO USE THIS AS STUDY TOOL: Fold your paper down the dotted line so that you can only see one side of the table at a time. Read the term to yourself and see if you can define it without any help. If you struggle, flip the paper over to check the definition. Then, switch... Read the definition to yourself and see if you can recognize which term it's defining. Keep going through the list (one section or one page at a time) until you don't miss ANY. You can study with a friend, too, by reading the terms or definitions to one another!

7th Grade

OAA Reading Vocabulary to Know

alliteration	the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words
analogy	drawing a comparison in order to show a similarity in some respect - Example: dog is to puppy as cat is to kitten
antonym	two words that express opposing concepts
author's perspective	point of view, or opinion, of the author
author's purpose	The reason the author has for writing. (Persuade, Inform, Entertain, Share)
Basic Situation	part of the plot that gives information about the setting, characters, and conflict.
character	an imaginary person represented in a work of fiction (play or film or story)
characterization	the process by which the writer reveals the personality of a character
climax	Most exciting moment of the story; turning point
complications	the problems that come up during a story as characters try to resolve the conflict
conflict	a struggle between opposing forces
connotation	the feelings or emotions surrounding a word
context clues	A vocabulary strategy in which the reader looks at the words around an unfamiliar word to find clues to its meaning.
dialogue	conversation between characters
external conflict	a character struggles against some outside force: another character, society as a whole, or some natural force
fact	a statement that can be proved
figurative language	language that is used in writing to produce images in a reader's mind and to express ideas in fresh, vivid, and imaginative ways: alliteration, hyperbole, imagery, simile, metaphor, etc.
flashback	a scene or event from the past that appears in a narrative out of chronological order, to fill in information or explain something in the present
foreshadowing	the use of hints and clues to suggest what will happen later in a plot
hyperbole	extreme exaggeration
imagery	Description that appeals to the senses (sight, sound, smell, touch, taste)
inference	logical conclusion based on observations
internal conflict	a problem or struggle within a character; man vs. himself
irony	the opposite of what is expected
main idea	What the passage is about; the topic
metaphor	comparison of two unlike things, not using like or as
mood	the overall emotion created by a work of literature
onomatopoeia	the use of words that imitate sounds
opinion	a personal belief or judgment that is not founded on proof or certainty
paragraph	a section of a piece of writing, dealing with one topic
personification	A figure of speech in which an object or animal is given human feelings, thoughts, or attitudes
plot	the sequence of events in a story
point of view	the perspective from which a story is told
repetition	repeated use of sounds, words, or ideas for effect and emphasis
rhyme	the repetition of sounds at the ends of words
sensory details	Use of sights, sounds, tastes, smells, and textures to convey meaning
simile	comparison of two unlike things, using like or as
stage directions	A playwright's written instructions about how the actors are to move and behave in a play
stanza	a group of lines in a poem
symbolism	A device in literature where an object represents an idea.
synonym	A word that means the same as another word
theme	Message or statement about life in the story
Tone	The attitude of the author toward the audience and characters (e.g., serious or humorous).

8 Most Often Used Keywords According to ODE

Clue Word	Action Required
Compare	Show both the similarities and differences.
Contrast	Compare by showing differences.
Criticize	Give your judgment or reasoned opinion of something, illustrating its good and bad points. It is not necessary to attack it.
Define	Give the formal meaning by distinguishing it from related terms. This is often a matter of giving memorized definition.
Describe	Write a detailed account or a verbal picture in a logical sequence or story form.
Discuss	Describe giving the details and explaining the pros and cons of the subject.
Explain	Give reasons for.
List	Produce a list of words, sentences or comments.